

**BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS,
WETLAND PROFESSIONALS and GEOLOGISTS MEETING
March 29, 2022
10:00 a.m. – Board Room 2 – 2nd Floor
Department of Professional & Occupational Regulation
9960 Mayland Drive
Richmond, Virginia 23233
(804) 367-8514**

1. Call to Order
2. Emergency Evacuation Procedures
3. Announcements – Welcome Demetrios (Mitch) Melis
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes: February 19, 2020
6. Public Comment Period*
7. ASBOG - CBT Conversion Begins
8. Wetland Delineation Training
9. ‘What’s the big deal about dirt?’: Meet Virginia Tech’s standout soil judging team, Amy Friedenberger, July 2, 2021
10. Citizen Member Rotation of Chair and Vice Chair
11. Election of Officers
12. Consideration of 2022 Meeting Dates
13. Fee Increase
14. Licensed and Certified Population
15. Financial Statements
16. Other Business
17. Conflict of Interest / Travel Vouchers
18. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR June 28, 2022

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**BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS, WETLAND PROFESSIONALS
and GEOLOGISTS
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists met on February 19, 2020, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Citizens

Robin Jones
Molly Parker

Geologists

Warren "Ted" Dean
Michael Lawless

Soil Scientists

Larry Giannasi
David Hall
Alexis Jones

Wetland Delineators

Robin Bedenbaugh
Justin Brown

Board members Bennette Burks, Doug DeBerry, David Spears, and Drew Thomas, were not present at the meeting.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Mary Broz-Vaughan, Director
Kathleen (Kate) R. Nosbisch, Executive Director
Jeff Waite, Financial Services Director
Cathy Clark, Administrative Assistant

Josh Laws, Assistant Attorney General, was present from the office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Giannasi, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Giannasi advised the Board of the emergency evacuation procedures.

**Emergency Evacuation
Procedures**

Ms. Nosbisch introduced Mr. Jeff Waite, DPOR Financial Services Director, LaTonya Washington, Budget Analyst, and Cathy Clark, Administrative Assistant to the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology who is assisting with the minutes for this meeting.

**Welcome and
Introductions**

Ms. A. Jones moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Lawless seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by members: Bedenbaugh, Brown, Dean, Giannasi, Hall, A. Jones, R. Jones, Lawless, and Parker.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Dean moved to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2019, Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists meeting. Ms. A. Jones seconded the motion, which was

Approval of Minutes

unanimously approved by members: Bedenbaugh, Brown, Burks, Dean, Giannasi, Hall, A. Jones, R. Jones, Lawless, and Parker.

There was no public comment.

Public Comment Period

Ms. Nobsch invited Mr. Waite to provide an overview of the proposed fee increases and to explain the fee structure and financial position of the Board. Mr. Waite also provided an explanation of the Callahan Act and how it is used to determine fee adjustments and to ensure that revenues are sufficient to cover expenses, but not excessive.

Fee Increase

After Board discussion, Ms. Nobsch conducted an informal poll of the members to determine the Board's position on each of the three proposed fee structures (see Addendum 1). The poll indicated that the Board was unanimously in favor of Proposal A.

Ms. Nobsch then explained the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) process that will be the next step toward approval of the fee increase.

Ms. A. Jones moved to approve fee structure Proposal A. Mr. Hall seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by members: Bedenbaugh, Brown, Dean, Giannasi, Hall, A. Jones, R. Jones, Lawless, and Parker.

Ms. Nobsch advised the Board that there were no bills pending in the current General Assembly session that affect the Board's professions. Upon questions from the Board, Ms. Nobsch indicated that this session of the General Assembly was an even-year long session that will adjourn on March 7, 2020.

General Assembly Update

Ms. Nobsch reported to the Board that the Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation (BPOR) discussed and approved a preliminary report required by the JLARC Report at its December 9, 2019, board meeting. The report was filed to the General Assembly prior to the December 31, 2019 deadline. The report evaluated the need for continued regulation of certain professions and occupations. The professions/occupations to be studied are: Professional Soil Scientists, Waste Facility Management Operators, Landscape Architects, Common Interest Community Manager Employees, Certified Interior Designers, Backflow Prevention Device Workers and Wetland Delineators. She further advised that the next step for the recommendations is to hold public hearings and receive comment. She stated that there would be five public hearings across the state:

JLARC Study Update

- March 20 - DPOR, Board Room 2, 10:00 am
- March 23 - JMU, Harrisonburg, Student Center/Allegheny Room, 10:00 am

- April 17 – Virginia Highlands Community College, Abingdon Student Center 130, 9:00 am
- May 21 – Chesapeake, City Hall Council Chambers, 10:00 am
- May 27 – Fairfax, City Hall Annex Council Chambers, 10:00 am

The final report on the recommendations is due December 31, 2020.

Ms. Nosbisch advised that the Agency is still in process of reducing regulations by 25% as required by action taken during the 2018 General Assembly Session with a deadline of 7/1/21, however, it appears that the Agency may be receiving two additional professions to regulate if the bills continue to progress as they are through the 2020 General Assembly Session.

Mandatory Regulatory Reduction Update

Ms. Nosbisch reviewed the licensee counts as of January 1, 2020: Soil Scientists –92; Wetland Delineators –116; Geologists – 946

Licensed and Certified Population

Mr. Waite reviewed the Financial Statements with the members following the conclusion of the fee increase discussion and voting that took place earlier in the meeting. Ms. Nosbisch advised the Board that the Financial Statements were for informational purposes.

Financial Statements

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board members of the upcoming National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) Spring Workshop that will take place in April. Mr. Dean and Mr. Lawless expressed interest in the workshop. Ms. Nosbisch advised that she would be in touch with those interested and the two geologist members who were not present at the meeting to provide additional information.

ASBOG

Ms. Nosbisch reminded the members that all Conflict of Interest (COIA) Training and Financial Disclosure Statements should have now been completed by all members. She indicated that those who attended the Board Member Training Conference in October 2019 and completed the COIA training provided were not required to repeat the training online.

Other Business

Ms. Nosbisch shared information from a February 2020 article from the NCEES Licensure Exchange regarding Arizona introducing universal recognition for out-of-state licenses. Ms. Broz Vaughan pointed out to the Board that Virginia's requirements for individuals coming from out of state are less restrictive as Virginia does not have a one-year residency requirement as does Arizona.

Conflict of Interest forms and travel vouchers were completed by all board members present.

Conflict of Interest Forms/Travel Vouchers

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Larry Giannasi, Chair

Mary Broz-Vaughan, Secretary

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➤ **Public Comment**

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Fwd: ASOBG CBT Conversion Begins

1 message

Nosbisch, Kathleen <kate.nosbisch@dpor.virginia.gov>
To: Bonnie Davis <bonnie.davis@dpor.virginia.gov>

Wed, Jan 5, 2022 at 5:12 PM

For PSSWPG Board Meeting. Please and Thank you! 🙏

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **dsneyd asbog.org** <dsneyd@asbog.org>

Date: Wed, Jan 5, 2022 at 4:18 PM

Subject: ASOBG CBT Conversion Begins

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Good Afternoon,

This email provides information regarding ASBOGs transition to Computer Based Testing (CBT). **The first CBT exams will be administered March 17, 2023** at which point paper and pencil exams will no longer be offered.

- ASBOG signed a contract with Prometric in 2021 to provide CBT services.
- The ASBOG CBT Transition team will be hosting a teleconference with Prometric on January 11, 2022. We anticipate that a timeline for CBT conversion will be established during this call.

- ASBOGs goal is to have the registration portal developed and ready for testing this spring. We plan to provide access to the registration portal to the Boards so they can confirm usability for their candidates.
- ASBOG will conduct a third CBT teleconference for the Boards in late January/early February.
 - Slides from the first two CBT teleconferences are attached to this message for reference.
 - Prometric will be available during the teleconference to address questions/concerns related to the transition to CBT.
- Several Boards have inquired about the number and location of testing centers that are used by Prometric. Here is the link they provided to view the cities where Prometric has test sites: <https://www.isoqualitytesting.com/locations.aspx>

Some Boards have already started to message the CBT conversion to their candidates/licenseses through their respective newsletters. We highly encourage all boards to regularly communicate the timing of the conversion to heighten awareness this year of the forthcoming change. Also, please keep in mind that we will not be able to carry over any examination deferrals into 2023. There are still some candidates who have continued to defer since spring 2020; for those states whose candidates pay ASBOG directly for the exams, please let the candidates know that if they do not sit for the exam(s) this year, they will forfeit their exam fee.

Several Boards have requested a copy of the agreement ASBOG signed with Prometric. I'll be sending information regarding this in a separate email message.

Feel free to contact me directly with questions or concerns regarding our transition to CBT: 678-713-1251

Sincerely,

Deana

From: dsneyd [asbog.org](mailto:dsneyd@asbog.org) <dsneyd@asbog.org>

Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 3:25 PM

To: dsneyd [asbog.org](mailto:dsneyd@asbog.org) <dsneyd@asbog.org>

Subject: ASOBG CBT agreement update

Good Afternoon,

ASBOG has signed a formal agreement with Prometric to provide computer based testing services. The first computer based ASBOG examinations will begin with the spring 2023 examination administration. Attached to this message, you'll find two files with information from the first two CBT teleconferences conducted by ASBOG for the Boards. Prometric will have a representative at our Administrator's Workshop and Annual Meeting on October 26-27, 2021 in Little Rock, Arkansas; Sean Colton will discuss some components of the transition to CBT and will be available for questions. ASBOG plans on having a third teleconference for the Boards in early 2022 to discuss in greater detail the fee structure and registration portal.

Feel free to contact me with questions/concerns regarding our transition to CBT.

Sincerely,

Deana



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What You Will Learn



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of the this course, students should be able to:

- Distinguish key manuals and their usage in wetland determination
- Recognize important historical milestones in wetland delineation
- Know key case law which affects wetland delineation
- Pinpoint key agencies and their role in wetland determination
- Understand the nature of the classification of Waters of the United States
- Demonstrate knowledge of who can issue a Jurisdictional Determination and which agencies oversee the 404 program
- Identify hydrophytes and their use in wetland delineation
- Learn how to use the Munsell Soil Chart to identify redoximorphic soil features
- Understand problem areas and local differences in wetland delineation
- Recognize atypical wetland areas and how to account for these in wetland delineation
- Use various data collected to write reports used for wetland determination by USACE
- Capture and understand offsite data usage in wetland delineation
- Distinguish between the two approaches of onsite wetland delineation
- Understand the proper placement of flags demarking wetland areas



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Course Details

Syllabus

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What to Expect

With the Swamp School Wetland Delineation training online, you can earn your certification in 16 weeks or less. The workshop covers standard wetland training and includes the 1987 US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Wetlands Manual, and you can choose any or all of the 10 Regional Supplements to get trained on. We cover the conceptual framework of the wetland indicators as well as the regulatory context, court decisions and related laws. Students can complete the 12 modules at their own pace and can coordinate the field work with their instructor.

The class concludes with a review of your field work and a final exam. Upon successful completion of the class and a grade of 80% or higher, a verified certificate is issued for demonstrated education experience in the Professional Wetland Scientist Certification which is offered by the Society of Wetland Scientists.



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Special Winter Edition included with all Winter 2021/2022 classes!

Learn important tips and tricks on how to conduct a wetland delineation in the winter. We will discuss winter wetland topics including:

- Non-growing season vegetation ID
- Winter hydric soil indicators
- Winter hydrology indicators
- Data point and delineation flagging strategies
- Plus a few health and safety tips.

All of this and more included with your class at no extra cost!

How the Class Works

- 1 wetland delineation project
- 4 data collection exercises
- 12 online learning modules, including:
 - Video presentations
 - Handouts
 - Class discussion
 - Assignments
 - Quizzes
 - Final exam
- Instructor-guided virtual field work

Materials Needed

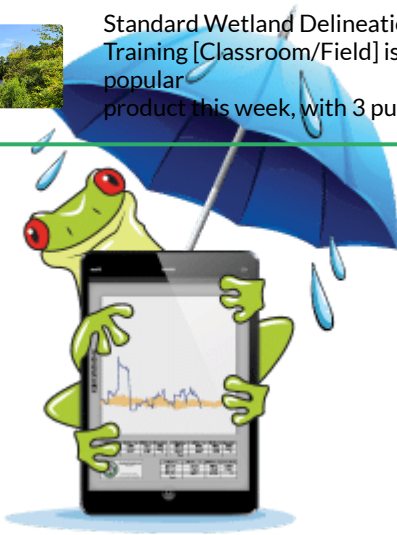
You will need to provide the following items for this class:

- Munsell Soil Color Chart
- Soil auger or spade
- Local plant field guides
- Digital camera

This class includes a free subscription to our cloud based Antecedent Precipitation Tool (APT)



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Bonus 2

Each student will get a free Wildnote trial subscription to use in class!



Wildnote

Schedule

The course material is presented in a topic format which allows the student to work on the class at their own pace. There are 12 workshop modules that are on-demand but do not require assignments to be completed on a weekly basis. They still need to be turned in, but they can be done so on a flexible schedule. Once you sign up you will have up to **16 weeks** to complete the program however, students can accelerate the pace and complete the workshop in as little as 3-4 weeks. Students will also asynchronously participate in topic discussions with other members of the class who may be working at a different pace.

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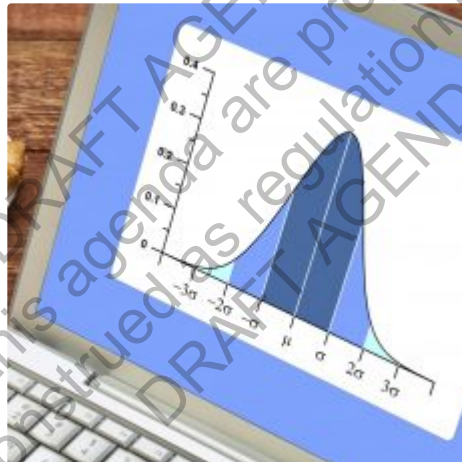
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'What's the big deal about dirt?': Meet Virginia Tech's standout soil judging team (copy)

Amy Friedenberger

Jul 14, 2021

An intense 50 minutes of people competing in a dirt pit with knives scraping and soil flying. A team that has been racking up national championships and other titles (ahem, Virginia Tech football).

Can you dig it? Then you should become a fan of the Hokies soil judging team.

You've never heard of the soil judging team? It's probably the strongest competitive group on campus. In addition to winning numerous regional titles, the soil judging team recently took home its sixth national championship in the Soil Science Society of America National Intercollegiate Soil Judging Contest.

"When you have students as good as the students at Virginia Tech, it's hard to mess up," said John Galbraith, the team's head coach and a professor of crop and soil environmental science.

Soil judging is probably what you envision it is. Students are playing in the dirt.

"It's like a story that you piece together," said Bernie Frantz, a sophomore who took third-place out of 140 competitors in an individual contest. "You start at top of the soil and work your way down. We study what makes it unique in its own right."

People are also reading...

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Competitors climb into a pit to get samples and then study them. They'll make note of things like changes in texture and color patterns, which can help indicate where the water tables, and make recommendations for the best use of the soil.

"People who do soil judging, they learn about plants, water, geology, hydrology," Galbraith said. "It's not just soil."

Understanding soil is crucial to determining how land should be used. That house you live in? The soil needed studied first to make sure a house can sit there. The bridge you're driving over? A soil scientist had to assess the soil properties to figure out structural safety. The vegetables you're eating were grown in recommended soil. Successful stormwater management depends on using the right soil.

"People may wonder, what's the big deal about dirt?" Frantz said. "Food, transportation, housing, it's all based on where we stand and the soil beneath our feet."

A lot of students probably don't go to college thinking they're going to become soil experts. Frantz was a freshman set on majoring in biological sciences when club members asked if liked nature and becoming knowledgeable in an area that can lead to good career opportunities. Frantz has since switched his major to crop and soil sciences. When his brain is fried from studying, he'll wander out to a dirt pit to study soil.

“It never feels like work,” said Frantz, the president of the Soil Judging Club.

“Looking at dirt is a good part of my day.”

The students learn about various soils to prepare for the competitions. Soil found in Blacksburg is nothing like the frozen soil that’s in Alaska — which is where Frantz and Galbraith are headed soon to study dirt. Galbraith said soil judging teams use connections to trade dirt. They spend a couple days a week studying different soils in preparation for the competition.

“We go on a lot of field trips, and it’s a great way for professors to get to know their students,” Galbraith said.

Each year, the Virginia Tech soil judging team competes in a series of competitions. If they do well enough, they’ll advance to the national championship.

Usually, the championship is in person, but because of the pandemic, the team participated in its first-ever virtual soil judging competition. From Blacksburg, the students spent a week and a half analyzing samples of soil and completed other tasks, like a quiz.

“The competition gave us the opportunity to expand our soil horizon,” said Clare Tallamy, a junior and environmental science major who placed ninth in the individual contest. The next competition will likely be in person. And the students are looking forward to a return to exploring soil around the country where it’s naturally located.

“During pandemic, we made the best of our circumstances,” Frantz said. “I never once had a dull moment. There was never a dull moment with the dirt.”

By Amy Friedenberger

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Board Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists

Chapter Board for Professional Soil Scientists Regulations [**18 VAC 145 - 20**]

Action: Fee Adjustment

General Information

Action Summary	The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists (the Board) seeks to amend its current regulations to adjust its licensing fee structure. The Board must establish fees adequate to support the costs of the Board operations and a proportionate share of the Department's operations. By the close of the next biennium, fees will not provide adequate revenue for those costs.			
Chapters Affected		VAC	Chapter Name	Action Type
	Primary	18 VAC 145-20	Board for Professional Soil Scientists Regulations	Amend Existing Regulation
	Other chapters			
		18 VAC 145 - 30	Wetland Delineators Certification Regulations	Amend Existing Regulation
	18 VAC 145 - 40	Regulations for the Geology Certification Program	Amend Existing Regulation	
Exempt from APA	No, this action is subject to Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act.			
RIS Project	Yes [7058]			
New Periodic Review	This action will not be used to conduct a new periodic review.			

Stages

Stages associated with this regulatory action.

Stage ID	Stage Type	Status
8913	NOIRA	Stage complete. Comment period ended 03/02/2022.

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As of March 1, 2022

Soil Scientists	79
Wetland Delineators	115
Geologists	887

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**Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
Statement of Financial Activity**

**Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists
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2020-2022 Biennium

January 2022

	January 2022 Activity	Biennium-to-Date Comparison	
		July 2018 - January 2020	July 2020 - January 2022
Cash/Revenue Balance Brought Forward			10,789
Revenues	2,000	85,945	85,440
Cumulative Revenues			96,229
Cost Categories:			
Board Expenditures	1,563	25,323	20,527
Board Administration	1,364	29,016	27,401
Administration of Exams	275	4,393	4,571
Enforcement	1	17	16
Legal Services	11	61	61
Information Systems	1,186	22,109	19,164
Facilities and Support Services	336	7,745	7,955
Agency Administration	658	13,253	12,606
Other / Transfers	0	(1)	(0)
Total Expenses	5,393	101,917	92,302
Transfer To/(From) Cash Reserves	(728)	0	(28,932)
Ending Cash/Revenue Balance			32,859

Cash Reserve Beginning Balance	46,375	0	74,579
Change in Cash Reserve	(728)	0	(28,932)
Cash Reserve Ending Balance	45,647	0	45,647

Number of Regulants	
Current Month	1,157
Previous Biennium-to-Date	1,155

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Supporting Statement of Year-to-Date Activity
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Fiscal Year 2022

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Fiscal YTD Charges	Planned Annual Charges	Current Balance	Projected Charges at 6/30	Projected Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
																	Amount	%
Board Expenditures	5,929	2,958	1,598	357	133	116	1,563	0	0	0	0	0	12,656	26,063	13,407	21,451	4,613	17.7%
Board Administration	2,240	1,530	1,341	1,355	1,418	1,384	1,364	0	0	0	0	0	10,632	23,752	13,120	16,594	7,157	30.1%
Administration of Exams	400	275	274	274	275	274	275	0	0	0	0	0	2,046	3,699	1,653	3,253	446	12.1%
Enforcement	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	14	7	11	3	23.8%
Legal Services	0	11	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	33	43	10	57	-14	-31.6%
Information Systems	644	1,742	861	1,048	935	306	1,186	0	0	0	0	0	6,722	13,551	6,829	11,183	2,369	17.5%
Facilities / Support Svcs	551	1,210	536	346	383	356	336	0	0	0	0	0	3,718	6,596	2,878	6,225	371	5.6%
Agency Administration	968	670	567	742	616	694	658	0	0	0	0	0	4,914	11,942	7,028	7,720	4,222	35.4%
Other / Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Charges	10,734	8,397	5,189	4,123	3,761	3,132	5,393	0	0	0	0	0	40,729	85,661	44,932	66,493	19,168	22.4%

- **Other Business**
- **Conflict of Interest Forms /
Travel Vouchers**
- **Adjourn**

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